(d) what are the details of the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) The views of different Ministries/Departments of Government of India, including that of Ministry of Finance, has been sought on the proposed Auto Fuel Policy which also includes recommendations relating to vehicular emission norms. As per the road map suggested in the Auto Fuel Polic, vehicular emission norms for new vehicles is as follows:

Euro III Equivalent emission norms in the entire country	1 April, 2010
Euro-IV equivalent emission norms in the cities of Delhi/NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur and Agra.	1 April, 2010

Enhancement of kerosene quota to fishermen in Kerala

1745. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for enhancement of kerosene quota of its fishermen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A request was received from Government of Kerala regarding allocation of SKO for fisheries sector. The Government of Kerala was informed that SKO allocation for the fisheries sector is to be given by the State Government within its overall SKO allocation made by the Central Government.

Dealers for petroleum products in Kerala

1746. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of petrol and gas agencies opened in Kerala during the last three years; and

(b) the details of SC/ST, general, handicapped and dependants of Defence personnel out of these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) During the last three years, *i.e.*, 2000-2001 to 2002-2003, the number of ratail outlet (RO) dealerships (petrol pumps) and LPG distributorships allotted to persons in different categories in the State of Kerala, were 60 and 79 respectively. Out of these, the number of allotments made to persons in the categories of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST), Open (O), Physically Handicapped (PH), and Defence Personnel (DC) was as under:-

Product	**Category**			
	SC/ST	**O**	**PH**	**DC**
RO	8	42	0	2
LPG	22	44	5	1

Untimely supply of coal-tar in Bihar

†1747. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that untimely supply of coal-tar (bitumin) causes time-overrun in the construction of roads in Bihar resulting in cost overrun;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to streamline the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) All orders for supply of Bitumen placed by customers in the State of Bihar have been supplied by Oil Public Sector Undertakings in time. Government is not aware of any instance of untimely supply against firm orders.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Bitumin is released to customers of Bihar from Barauni, Haldia, Mumbai, Tatanagar, Ranchi and Ramnagar (West Bengal). To augment

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.